GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR and RD Department - Allegations on irregularities in execution of work Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) to Bapulapadu in Krishna District – Disciplinary Proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS(CC&A) Rules, 1991 initiated against Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, formerly AEE RWS(P), Gannavaram - Charges are partly proved in the Regular Enquiry – Imposition of penalty of Stoppage of (1) One Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 371 **Dated: 03-07-2020.**
Read the following:

1.From GA(V&E) Department, Alert No.108(1016/V&E/E2/10) Dt.25.08.2011.
2.Govt. Memo No.21568/Vig.II/A2/2011-8, P.R. & R.D. (Vig.II) Deptt., Dated:-23.05.2012.
3.From Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, formerly AEE RWS(P), Gannavaram, WSD, Dt.08.08.2012.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1085, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept., Dt:30.11.2015.
5. G.O.Rt.No.54, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Department, Dt.29.01.2018. 6.From Sri P.K.Sarangi, IFS, COI, Member, GA (COI-PKS) Department, Dt.10.01.2019. 7.Govt.Memo.No.21568/Vig.VI/2011, PR&RD ((Vig.VI) Deptt., Dt.09.09.2019.
8.Sri BVS Chalapathi Rao, former AEE, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Explanation, Dt.15.10.2019.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 2nd read above, Govt. initiated disciplinary proceedings by framing following article of charge against Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, formerly AEE RWS(P), Gannavaram, for committing certain allegation of irregularities in execution of work Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) to Bapulapadu in Krishna District with a direction to the Charged Officer to submit his WSD.

Charge :
That Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, formerly AEE, RWS(P), Gannavaram now working as A.E.E PIU, Mylavaram fails to conduct detailed soil investigation and field survey of the existing MI tank before proposing this tank as S.S tank in execution of Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme That (AUWSP) to Bapulapadu and executed the work which resulted in seepage of SS tank causing wasteful expenditure to the Government Exchequer.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence.

3. Government have not satisfied with the Written Statement Defence submitted by Charged Officer and decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter against the charged officer including against six (6) other co-charged officers involved in the case. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, appointed Dr.Prem Chand, I.A.S, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department as the Inquiring Authority to conduct enquiry into matter. Further, Govt appointed Sri P.K.Sarangi, IFS, COI, General Administration Department as Inquiring Authority, in place of Dr. Prem Chand, I.A.S, Commissioner of Inquiries, vide reference 5th read above.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted inquiry report dt:10.01.2019, wherein the Inquiry Officer has submitted the findings in respect of Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, formerly AEE RWS(P), Gannavaram, as follows:-

ISSUE 3:- Disturbance to original in-situ bed of existing Ml tank which was naturally consolidated in course to time for formation of bunds resulted in undermining and erosion of sub soil resulting in seepage and piping.

The actual incumbency period of Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao in the post of AEE, Bapulapadu was from dt.06-10-2006 to dt.31-01- 2008. He is responsible for stripping the tank bed as the same work was carried out during his incumbency for which Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, AEE had recorded the quantities in the M.Book on dt.10-05-2007 and after completion of the bed striping work of the tank bed CO-5, Sri Y.S. Harinatha Rao, Dy.E.E has recorded in the M.Book on dt.I5-12-2007. Further he has neither pointed out the need for not removing the top soil from the existing MI tank bed nor provided the necessity of giving a cover of black cotton soil blanket in the working estimate that was approved by the Chief Engineer on dt.20-04-2007. Even the final work of the tank including the Tank fund was completed by Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao for which Sri J.Raghavaiah, A.E.E recorded the final measurements on dt.03-02-2008 immediately after Sri J.Raghavaiah, A.E.E took charge from Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, AEE on dt.31-01-2008. **Hence the Charge related to Issue-3 is proved against Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, AEE.**

Finally, the Inquiry Officer has submitted that charge is partly proved against the charged officer.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government, among others, have communicated copy of the inquiry report to the charged officer Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, formerly AEE RWS (P), Gannavaram, for his representation on the findings of the Inquiry Officer.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, formerly AEE RWS(P), Gannavaram, has submitted representation stating that the execution of the work SS tank bed stripping and formation of bunds were started and progressed by the time he took charge on 06-10-2006 executed by the then AE and was not Recorded in the M.Book. After rectification by consolidation of MI Tank bunds in the month of December 2017, all the bunds were tested for Proctor density and recorded the measurements in M. Book and recommended for part Payment to the contractor no variations were pointed by the V& E, authorities in between the Measurements recorded by him in M. Book and measurements on the ground. Therefore, he has submitted that he has not committed any error or any irregularity in discharging his duties as alleged in the memo. He has requested to drop further action against him.

7. Government have examined the matter and the findings of the inquiry office, observes that the charged officer is responsible for stripping the tank bed as the same work was carried out during his incumbency period. He neither pointed out the need for not removing the top soil from the existing MI tank bed nor provided the necessity of giving a cover of black cotton soil blanket in the working estimate. Hence, his contention to exonerate him from the charge is devoid of merits.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter have decided and hereby order to impose the penalty of stoppage of (1) One annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, formerly AEE RWS(P), Gannavaram, under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in the matter.

9.The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, A.P, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

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10. A copy of this order is available on internet and can be accessed at www.ap.gov.in/goir.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Engineer in Chief, RWS&S, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Sri B.V.S.Chalapathi Rao, formerly AEE RWS(P), Gannavaram,, **through** the Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, A.P, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the orders on the individual and furnish the served copy to Govt., for record)

Copy to:

The A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
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